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SUBSIDIARIES OF INDIAN PHARMA GIANTS RECALL PRODUCTS IN U.S.

Aurobindo Pharma, Glenmark and Zydus are recalling products due to manufacturing issues, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said

U.S. REGULATOR FLAGS PURITY CONCERNS

Aurobindo Pharma USA Inc is recalling over 1 lakh bottles of Cinacalcet tablets over "presence of N-nitroso Cinacalcet Impurity" above prescribed limit, FDA said. Similarly, the US subsidiary of Glenmark Pharmaceuticals is recalling 90,000 bottles of Diltiazem Hydrochloride capsules over "presence of N-nitroso-Desmethyl-Diltiazem Impurity" above the US regulator's limit

CLASS II NATIONWIDE RECALL INITIATED

- Zydus (USA) Inc is recalling 4,404 packs of Esomeprazole Magnesium for Delayed-Release Oral Suspension due to errors in labelling
- The companies have initiated Class II nationwide recall. According to the US regulator, such an action is taken when products can cause temporary or medically reversible adverse health consequences

20%

INDIA'S SHARE IN THE GLOBAL SUPPLY OF GENERIC MEDICINES

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Fadnavis expands Maharashtra cabinet with 39 new ministers

Focus on young, new faces; 19 berths go to BJP, Shiv Sena gets 11, and NCP 9 ministers

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday effected the first expansion of his ministry with 33 Cabinet ministers and six ministers of state. Governor C P Radhakrishnan administered the oath to all 39 ministers, many of them fresh faces, at the Raj Bhavan in Nagpur on the eve of Maharashtra state assembly's winter session. Portfolios will be allocated in the next two to three days, Fadnavis said.

Among the newly sworn-in ministers, 19 are from the BJP (16 cabinet berths and 3 MoS); 11 from the Shiv Sena (9 cabinet and 2 MoS); and 9 from NCP (8 cabinet ministers and 1 MoS).

With this, the BJP has 20 ministers including CM Devendra Fadnavis, Shiv Sena has 12 including deputy CM Eknath Shinde, and NCP 11 including deputy CM Ajit Pawar.

Notably, 12 ministers from the Shinde-led government were dropped to give representation to young leaders. Those dropped include BJP leaders Sudhir Mungantiwar, Vijay Kumar Gavit, and Ravindra Chavan; NCP leaders Chhagan Bhujbal, Dilip Walse Patil, Anil Patil, and Dharmaraobaba Atram; and Shiv Sena leaders Tanaji Sawant and Deepak Kesarkar.

While focusing on fresh faces, Fadnavis also included some experienced hands in his team. Among the young BJP ministers are Jaykumar Rawal, Pankaja Munde, Ashok Uike, Ashish Shelar, Shivendrasinh Bhosale, Jaykumar Gore, Sanjay Savkare, Nitesh Rane, Akash Fundkar, Madhuri Misal, Pankaj Bhoyar, and Meghna Bordikar Sakore.

Meanwhile, Ajit Pawar denied berths to veterans Chhagan Bhujbal and Dilip Walse Patil to accommodate Dhananjay Munde, Dattatray Bharane, Aditi Tatkare, Manikrao Kokate, Narhari Zirwal, Makarand Patil, Babasaheb Patil, and Indranil Naik.

As for Eknath Shinde, he had a tough task to keep each one happy with a limited number of berths. Shiv Sena MLA Narendra Bhondekar resigned from all party posts after he was denied a berth in the new cabinet. Shiv Sena ministers include Sanjay Rathod, Uday Samant, Sanjay Shirsat, Pratap Sarnaik, Bharat Gogawale, Prakash Abitkar, Ashish Jaiswal, and Yogesh Kadam.

A senior BJP leader said the party has tried to keep the delicate balance of caste and regional representation in the new cabinet. "Each section of the society voted for us. Therefore, we wanted to give representatives to each section even if the faces from these societies were new. This is a new team under new leadership and we are hopeful that they will perform better," he said. P8

Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy CMs Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde during the swearing-in of cabinet ministers | PTI

Ceremony held at Nagpur's Raj Bhavan

The ceremony at the Raj Bhavan in Nagpur was the first to be held in the state's second capital in 33 years. The last such event was Sudhakarrao Naik cabinet's expansion in 1991

TECHIE SUICIDE CASE

Atul's wife, in-laws held, sent to judicial custody

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

A week after 34-year-old software engineer Atul Subhash ended his life by hanging at his residence in Bengaluru's Marathahalli locality, his estranged wife Nikita Singhania, mother-in-law Nisha Singhania, and brother-in-law Anurag Singhania have been arrested on charges of abetment of suicide. The trio, during questioning, is said to have claimed innocence and have been remanded in judicial custody.

Nikita's uncle, Sushil Singhania, who has also been named as an accused by the Marathahalli police, is yet to be arrested.

Speaking to the media on Sunday, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield division) Shivakumar Gunare said that based on a tip-off and other technical clues, Nikita was arrested from a paying-guest accommodation in Gurugram, Haryana. Her mother Nisha and brother Anurag were nabbed from a hotel in Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh. All three arrests were made on Saturday morning, and the trio has been brought to Bengaluru.

Nikita

Nisha

Anurag

Shivakumar also said that Atul's son is currently staying with Nikita's relative and added that more information cannot be shared as he is a minor. Stating that Sushil is absconding, the DCP said efforts are on to trace him. "The investigating teams are also collecting other evidence in connection with the case," he added. A senior police officer told *TNIE* that the trio, during inquiry, defended themselves and claimed that the allegations made by Atul in the death note and the video are false.

The accused were produced before a magistrate and were shifted to Bengaluru Central Prison in Parappana Agrahara. P5

Rajya Sabha to hold debate on Constitution from today

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

RAJYA Sabha is expected to witness fiery debates between the government and the opposition on Monday as it begins a two-day debate on the Constitution to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding document's adoption.

It comes as the Lok Sabha, after two days of spirited discussions, wrapped up its debate on the Constitution on Saturday.

Rajya Sabha is also likely to see high-octane sessions, especially in the backdrop of a no-confidence motion moved against Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar by the opposition alleging bias.

Sources told this newspaper that BJP president JP Nadda will critique the Congress's historical record in adhering to the Constitution during its tenure in power. Key BJP members scheduled to participate include: Nirmala Sitharaman, Hardeep Puri and Kiren Rijiju. On the opposition side, the Trinamool Congress has tasked 10-11 MPs to speak on the Constitution. MPs from the Congress, RJD and SP will also participate.

9k science & math teachers for 22L primary school kids!

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA, known for its advancements in science and technology, has only 8,895 science and mathematics teachers for nearly 22 lakh students of Classes 1 to 5 in government primary schools.

The state has just 5,732 English teachers compared to 81,979 Kannada teachers for students of these classes, as per government data.

While officials claimed that guest teachers are hired to fill these gaps, educationists argued this is not a long-term solution. They warned that if this situation continues, many schools, especially in rural areas, could face closure.

According to experts, the consistent poor SSLC results that some districts or schools witness every year are an indirect, yet clear reflection of shortage of teachers at the primary level. When children are not taught properly, teachers and the government are at fault for failing to spark learning interest in them. The failure not only widens the urban-rural divide, but also the language divide, leaving many children behind.

Child rights activist Vasudev Sharma said that teaching in Kannada may help children grasp concepts faster. However, the severe shortage of subject teachers is crippling their learning.

"The current figures are shockingly low and reveal a systematic failure that stunts students' potential," he added.

When a child is not introduced to subject-based concepts at the primary level, it puts immense pressure on the teacher to make up for the gap. "The result is predictable: children are left to blindly memorise practical topics, with no real understanding," Sharma said.

Sometimes, students are forced to switch from Kannada to English medium schools after completing Class 5 or 8. This is nothing short of a crime as children are thrust into an environment where they cannot learn and humiliated for their inability, Sharma said. P5

Tahsildar's grouse: Panipuri wala leads a better life than we do

SR UDAYA KUMAR @ Holenarasipur

EXPRESSING anger against the way government offices function, and the stress on officials from their seniors, Holenarasipur Tahsildar KK Krishnamurthy said it was better to be a "panipuri wala or a gobi manchurian seller".

"By comparison, they lead stress-free lives. They are free to go on vacations with their families, and return home peacefully. They are satisfied with their routine work and private lives, and lead better lives than us. We government officials are unable to even take our families to temples due to continuous pressure from seniors, said Krishnamurthy.

He was speaking at the padgrahana programme of office-bearers of the Taluk State Government Employees' Association here on Saturday. A video of his speech targeting senior officials and the government went viral on social media on Sunday. Krishnamurthy said he is under pressure and unable to work due to torture and is also thinking of voluntary retirement. P5

ZAKIR HUSSAIN

IN ICU; CONDITION CRITICAL

Tabla maestro Ustad Zakir Hussain, who has been undergoing treatment at a US hospital for heart-related problem for the past two weeks, is critical, reports said

WPL MINI AUCTION

Dharavi to crorepati, Simran's dream rise

KALYANI MANGALE @ Bengaluru

SIMRAN SHAIKH was bought for her base price of ₹10 lakh by UP Warriorz at the inaugural Women's Premier League auction. A resident of Mumbai's Dharavi, Asia's biggest slums, Simran's poor returns in the 2023 season meant she was released by the franchise. The right-hand batter didn't find a team for the second edition held early this year.

Her father, Jahid Ali, an electrician, was in disbelief when Simran was bought by UP in February last year. Almost a year and 10 months later, Jahid is over the moon as his daughter has become the costliest buy at the WPL mini auction held in Bengaluru on Sunday. She was bought by Gujarat Giants for ₹1.90 crore.

"She comes from Dharavi. If you look at it from the financial point of view, it is great for her that she is getting the opportunity once again. She has worked extremely hard for this and the results are there for everyone to see. It is important in terms of financial stability," Shaikh's coach and former India international Sunetra Paranjape told this daily.

Along with Paranjape, the Giants' head coach, Michael Klinger praised the journey of his player. "If we can change her life, not just for her, but for her family, it's fantastic. Mind you, this is not a charity given to her; she has earned this. She has put on some great performances in recent times. It is great to hear that this can change her life," he told this daily in an exclusive interview.

West Indies superstar Deandra Dottin was among the highest-paid overseas players at ₹1.70 cr and joined Mumbai girl Shaikh at Giants. Defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru persisted with a bid for Uttarakhand's Prema Rawat as she eventually joined them for ₹1.20 crore.

TN girl bags ₹1.6cr

Tamil Nadu's G Kamilini had one of the best days a player could ask for. Earlier in the day, playing for India for the first time in the U19 Asia Cup, the 16-year-old hit 29-ball 44 to bag player of the match trophy. A few hours later she was bought by Mumbai Indians for ₹1.60 crore.

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